TOPIC: APPROVAL OF gtPATHWAYS COURSES

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#### I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

This consent item recommends approval of 19 courses for inclusion in the state general education curriculum, gtPathways.

#### II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to C.R.S. §23-1-125(3), the commission has the authority to approve courses nominated for inclusion in gtPathways. gtPathways is a curriculum of general education courses for which the state guarantees transferability among all public (and some private) institutions in Colorado. Receiving institutions agree to apply gtPathways courses to a student's general education requirements. Courses approved for gtPathways meet state content and competency criteria.

Courses are reviewed and recommended for approval by discipline-specific faculty subcommittees under the direction of the General Education (GE) Council. The GE Council is comprised of faculty members and system governing board staff from the state's two- and four-year institutions. Since January 2003, the commission has approved over 1,200 courses in over twenty disciplines. Most recently, the commission approved two courses in December 2012.

#### III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Department staff facilitated a spring 2013 gtPathways review that was completed on April 12, 2013. The GE Council has approved a new procedure for gtPathways reviews. Content areas/disciplines may conduct their reviews independently under the guidance of a GE Council member. The mode of review may be done electronically, via conference call or video conferencing, or in-person – whatever works best for the review team.

The courses listed on the attached Appendix A were evaluated by faculty subcommittees from disciplines within each content area of the gtPathways curriculum. The subcommittees either recommended for approval or deferred the following courses according to the guidelines established by the GE Council. Courses marked as "Recommended" meet the state content and competency criteria and are recommended for inclusion in gtPathways. Courses marked as "Deferred" do not meet state content and competency criteria and may be revised and resubmitted by the institution.

### IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve for inclusion in gtPathways, the courses recommended in the attached Appendix A, effective August 2013 (fall semester 2013).

#### V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all materials included in course submissions as well as copies of faculty reviewers' evaluations are on file in the Academic Affairs Division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

23-1-125. Commission directive – student bill of rights – degree requirements – implementation of core courses – on-line catalogue – competency test. (3) Core courses.~

# Appendix A

# Spring 2013 gtPathways Review – RESULTS

| Content Area                               | IHE           | Course #                   | Course Title                                | Action      |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|--|
| ARTS & HUMANITIES                          |               |                            |   |             |  |  |  |
| GT-AH1 – Arts &<br>Expression              | CCCS          | THE 215                    | Playwriting                                 | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
| EAPTESSION                                 | CCCS          | THE 108                    | Theater Script Analysis                     | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  | MSU<br>Denver | THE 3213                   | Staging Cultures                            | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  | MSU<br>Denver | THE 3214                   | Introduction to Black<br>Theatre I          | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  | UNC           | ART 290                    | Visual Thinking & Visual Images             | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
| GT-AH2 –<br>Literature &<br>Humanities     | CCCS          | LIT 257                    | Literature and Film                         | Deferred    |  |  |  |
|  | CCCS          | LIT 121                    | Survey of World<br>Mythology                | Deferred    |  |  |  |
| GT-AH3 – Ways of<br>Thinking               | ASU           | JOUR 255                   | Fundamentals of Media Communication         | Deferred    |  |  |  |
|  | CCCS          | PHI 115                    | World Religions West                        | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  | CCCS          | PHI 116                    | World Religions East                        | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  | CMU           | PHIL 120 (Resubmission)    | Ethics                                      | Deferred    |  |  |  |
|  | CMU           | PHIL 130 (Resubmission)    | Philosophy of Religion                      | Deferred    |  |  |  |
|  | FLC           | PHIL 274 (Resubmission)    | Ancient and Medieval<br>Philosophy          | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  | FLC           | PHIL 244                   | Chinese Philosophy                          | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |
|  |               | COMMU                      | JNICATION                                   |             |  |  |  |
| GT-CO1 –<br>Introductory<br>Writing Course | MSU<br>Denver | ENG 1009<br>(Resubmission) | Freshman Composition:<br>The Essay, Part II | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |

| GT-CO2 –<br>Intermediate<br>Writing Course                   | MSU<br>Denver | ENG 1021                   | Honors Freshman<br>Composition: Research,<br>Analysis, and<br>Documentation | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|
|  | UNC           | BA 205                     | <b>Business Communication</b>   | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
|  |               |                            |   |             |  |  |  |  |
| GT-CO3 – Advanced<br>Writing Course                          | FLC           | ENGL 363                   | Advanced Composition  | Deferred    |  |  |  |  |
| MATHEMATICS  |               |                            |   |             |  |  |  |  |
| GT-MA1   | MSU<br>Denver | MTH 1112                   | College Algebra Through<br>Modeling   | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
| NATURAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES                                  |               |                            |   |             |  |  |  |  |
| GT-SC1 – Course<br>with Required<br>Laboratory               | ASU           | GEOG 101<br>(Resubmission) | Introduction to Physical<br>Geography                                       | Deferred    |  |  |  |  |
|  | CMU           | BIOL 250                   | Introduction to Microbiology  | Deferred    |  |  |  |  |
|  | UNC           | BIO 105                    | Exploring Biology<br>Laboratory   | Deferred    |  |  |  |  |
| GT-SC2 – Lecture<br>Course without<br>Required<br>Laboratory | CCCS          | BIO 103                    | Principles of Animal<br>Biology   | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
|  | CCCS          | GEY 108                    | Geology of National<br>Parks  | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
|  | FLC           | GEOL 106                   | Earth and the Environment   | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
|  | UNC           | ANT 130                    | Introduction to Physical<br>Anthropology                                    | Deferred    |  |  |  |  |
|  | S             | OCIAL & BEHA               | VIORAL SCIENCES   |             |  |  |  |  |
| GT-HI1 - History   | CCCS          | HIS 205                    | Women in World History  | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
|  | UCD           | HIST 1400                  | Controversies in History  | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
| GT-SS1 – Economic<br>or Political Systems                    | ASU           | GOVT 291                   | American Government   | RECOMMENDED |  |  |  |  |
| GT-SS2 –<br>Geography  | CMU           | GEOG 102                   | Human Geography   | Deferred    |  |  |  |  |

| GT-SS3 – Human<br>Behavior, Culture,<br>or Social<br>Frameworks | CMU | ANTH 202  | Introduction to Anthropology       | Deferred |
|---|-----|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|
|   | CMU | FOAN 180  | Survey of Physical<br>Anthropology | Deferred |
|   | UCD | CRJU 1000 | Criminal Justice: An Overview      | Deferred |